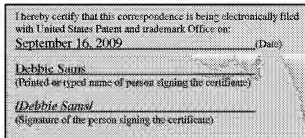


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Before continuing examination of the above-identified application, please refer to the
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